ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Beulah Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

Church at Salem, Randolph County, Ala.

COMMENCING ON

Friday, September 18th, and ending Sunday, the 20th, 1891, inclusive.

ELD. J. W. H. CLIETT, Roanoke, Ala., - - - - - MODERATOR.

ELD. W. R. AVERY, Stroud, Ala., - - - - - - - CLERK.

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MINUTES.

The Fifty-Fourth Annual Session of the Beulah Baptist Association was held with the church at Salem, Randolph county, Ala., commencing on Friday, Sept. 18, 1891.

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. J. T. Satterwhite, of the body, from 24th chapter and latter clause of the 15th verse of Joshua: "*As for me and my house we will serve the Lord;*" followed by Eld. D. M. Jenkins, of the body.

2. After an intermission of one hour, the messengers from the churches composing the body, convened in the house and proceeded to organize the business of the Association. Prayer by Eld. Rees Prather, of the Primitive Western Association.

3. Called for and read letters from the churches, enrolled messengers' names and minuted their condition as follows:

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	MESSENGERS' NAMES. Ordained Ministers in SMALL CAPS. Licentiates in *italics.*	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	On Confession of Faith	Dism'd by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Dead	Total	Contributions	Meeting days	No. of Minutes
Antioch	Randolph..	W. F. Harris	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	15	$ 1 50	4	36
Darian	Tallapoosa	D. M. JENKINS, J. J. Bishop	...	3	...	...	...	...	2	29	1 25	1	30
Rocky Mount..	Tallapoosa	W. M. Hall, J. V. Price, W. S. Johnson	4	...	...	6	1	...	...	54	1 50	2	36
Emmaus	Chambers..	J. M. Alsabrooks	1	6	...	3	...	...	1	26	1 25	3	30
Mt. Olive	Chambers..	J. W. H. CLIETT, W. A. Coggins	...	2	...	9	1	2	...	36	1 25	2	30
Macedonia	Chambers..	J. B. F. Lindsay, M. W. Williams, W. H. Hart	...	...	...	11	1	...	5	135	3 00	2	72
Mt. Hickory	Chambers..	H. D. Pearson J. W. Pearson	...	2	...	10	...	...	2	113	3 00	3	72
Concord	Randolph..	W. A. Welch	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	19	1 00	1	24
Mt. Carmel	Randolph..	T. J. PARISH, T. J. East	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	1 00	3	24
Zion's Rest	Randolph..	W. H. Taylor, C. J. East, M. Stallings	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	30	1 50	4	36
Mt. Pisgah	Chambers..	J. T. SATTERWHITE, W. R. AVERY, M. M. Maloy	3	3	...	2	...	1	1	104	2 50	1	60
Mt. Zion	Chambers..	S. B. Johnson, C. M. Johnson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	50	1	12
Sharon	Chambers..	C. H. Wright, E. J. Howell, C. L. Veasey	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	1 00	3	24
Salem	Randolph..	J. J. Hearn, T. J. Arnett, E. M. Yates	...	1	...	2	...	1	1	54	2 00	2	48
Valley Grove	Heard, Ga.	S. G. Carter	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	18	1 00	4	24
Pleasant Grove	Heard, Ga.	H. L. Adamson, H. S. Adamson	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	32	1 50	1	36
Ephesus	Chambers..	J. M. Hornsby, R. E. Yates, J. M. McGinty	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	19	1 25	2	30
Wehadka	Randolph..	W. J. SHEPHERD, W. R. Sharman	1	...	2	2	...	1	...	55	1 50	4	36
County Line	Heard, Ga.	C. W. Hearn, Jacob Brown	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	1 50	1	36
Beulah	Troup, Ga.	T. M. Floyd, A. J. Whatley	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	21	1 50	2	36
			15	19	2	46	5	5	18	834	$30 50		732
		Corresponding Minutes											118
													850

4. Called for petitionary churches. The church at Mount Zion presented a letter, desiring membership. The church having been constituted upon the Articles of Faith of this Association, she was, on motion, received, Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to her messengers, S. B. Johnson, C. M. Johnson.

5. Invited ministers and brethren to seats in the body.

6. On motion of J. B. F. Lindsey, proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk, which, being put by acclamation, resulted in the re-election of Eld. J. W. H. Cliett, Moderator, and Eld. Wm. R. Avery, Clerk.

7. On motion of T. M. Floyd, adopted the following order of business, which is the same as has been practiced in former sessions, and that we continue this order until a change becomes necessary. Motion prevailed.

8. Called for the reading of the Decorum. On motion of J. J. Hearn, waive reading the Decorum. Motion carried.

9. Appointed the following Committees:

(1.) To arrange the order of preaching—C. W. Hearn, W. M. Hall, Eld. J. T. Satterwhite, with the delegates of Salem Church, J. T. Arnett, J. J. Hearn, E. M. Yates.

(2.) To examine corresponding minutes—W. A. Welch, J. J. Bishop, J. L. Brown.

(3) To write corresponding letter—T. J. East.

The regular order of business was suspended and a committee, consisting of Eld. W. R. Avery, H. D. Pearson, J. B. F. Lindsey, was appointed to express our sympathies in behalf of Elds. W. M. Mitchell and Simeon Edwards in their affliction.

See report of committee.

10. Invited ministers and brethren from sister Associations as visiting correspondents, and received.

From Olive—Eld. H. J. Redd and J. W. Burks.
From Hillabee—W. S. Coley, J. B. Carlisle.
From Primitive Western—C. K. Bass.
From New Hope—J. P. Anderson, E. S. Hand, W. W. Copeland, R. Waters, W. P. Merrell, Eld. C. D. Nixon.

11. Called for regular correspondents, and received

From the New Hope—J. W. Arnett, H. W. Reed, T. N. Hand, and Eld. H. S. Burson, with letter and minutes.

From the Upatoie—Eld. S. F. Phillips, with letter and minutes.

From Olive—Eld. B. H. Pearson, with letter and minutes.

From Primitive Western—R. B. Holaway, Elds. A. B. Whatley, R. Prather, with letter and minutes.

From Hillabee—No regular correspondents.

From Cane Creek, Wetumpka, and Conecuh River—No tidings.

12. Called for requests of churches—None sent up.

13. On motion of M. W. Williams, adjourned until 8:30 Saturday morning. Prayer by Eld. B. H. Pearson, of the Olive Association.

SATURDAY, 8:30 A. M., Sept. 19, 1891.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, Moderator presiding. Prayer by Eld. H. J. Redd, of the Olive Association.

14. Renewed the invitation to ministers and brethren to seats in the body

15. Renewed the call for correspondents.

16. Roll called, and absentees marked.

17. Returned correspondence to sister Associations.

To the New Hope—To convene with the church at Tallapoosa, Carroll county, Ga., four miles south of Carrollton, commencing on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1891—Eld. J. W. H. Cliett, Brethren C. W. Hearn, W. H. Taylor J. J. Hearn.

To the Upatoie—To convene with the church at Nebo, Taylor county, Ga., nine miles southeast of Howard, on the S. W. R. R., commencing on Tuesday after the first Sunday in September, 1892—Eld. W. R. Avery.

To the Hillabee—To be held with the church at Macedonia, three miles west of Lineville, Clay county, Ala., commencing on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1891—T. J. Arnett, J. J. Bishop, Joseph Hornsby, W. J. Parish and Eld. T. J. Parish.

To the Olive—To be held with the church at Mount Olive, four miles south of Opelika, Ala., commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1891—Elds. D. M. Jenkins, W. R. Avery, Bro. W. R. Shannan.

To the Primitive Western—To meet with the church at Sardis, Harris county, Ga., seven miles east of West Point, Ga., commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1891—Eld. J. T. Satterwhite, brethren C. H. Wright, C. L. Veasey, G. F. Whatley.

No one agreed to go to the Cane Creek, Conecuh River, Wetumpka Associations. Send minutes.

18. Appointed Union Meetings, Second District having first choice of time.

First District—With the church at Emmaus, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in May, 1892.

Second District—With the church at Concord, on Friday before the fifth Sunday in July, 1892.

Third District—With the church at Wehadka, on Friday before the fifth Sunday in May, 1892.

The above meetings to continue three days.

19. Called for the report of the committee appointed to examine corresponding minutes. They report: We find nothing claiming the attention of the Association at this time.

20. Called for the corresponding letter prepared by Bro. T. J. East. Letter read and adopted.

21. Appointed a committee on Finance, and to distribute corresponding minutes, and received from the churches for Associational purposes, $30.50. Contributed to the Moderator, $8.60.

22. The next session of this Association will be held with the church at Mount Pisgah, Chambers county, Ala., one mile north of Stroud, on the East Alabama Railroad, commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1892.

23. On motion of J. B. Lindsey, agreed to have 850 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches *pro rata*, reserving a sufficient number for corresponding purposes; brother Clerk paying for the printing and distributing the same, and retain the balance of the fund as compensation for his services.

24. On motion of J. B. F. Lindsey, a vote of thanks was tendered the brethren, sisters and kind friends of the vicinity of Salem church for the hospitable manner in which they entertained the Association during our sojourn among them.

On motion, adjourned finally at the stand Sunday p. m. Prayer by Eld. H. S. Burson, of the New Hope Association.

ELD. J. W. H. CLIETT, *Moderator.*

ELD. WM. R. AVERY, *Clerk.*

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Beulah Baptist Association, in Session with the Church at Salem, Randolph County, Ala., September 18, 19, 20, 1891, to her Sister Associations with whom she Corresponds —Greeting:

BELOVED BRETHREN IN THE LORD: We feel to adore Him in whose hands are the issues of life and death, and who rules and controls all things by the word of His power, in still preserving our existence, and blessing us with another opportunity of meeting in an associate capacity, and to transact the business of our Association in peace, love and harmony, a feature so long enjoyed by us. All of our churches are represented, with one new church added, and report that peace and love abounds, although but few accessions.

We feel to thank God that we are still remembered by you, and receive with glad hearts your Christian correspondence. Your ministers we received as messengers of peace, who preached to us from day to day, to large congregations, that gospel that comforts the dear saints of God, and builds them up in the most pure and holy faith. Our correspondence has not been as full as we desire, but hope that it may be better in the future. The names of the brethren agreeing to visit your respective bodies, will appear in the body of this minute.

The next session of our body, the Lord willing, will be held with the church at Mt. Pisgah, Chambers county, Ala., where and when we hope to meet again.

Dear brethren, come and see us, and we will try to reciprocate, as far as is in our power. May God bless you and us is our prayer for Christ's sake—Amen. J. W. H. CLIETT, *Moderator.*

WM. R. AVERY, *Clerk.*

TRIBUTE TO ELD. W. M. MITCHELL.

We, your Committee appointed to express our sympathies to Elds. W. M. Mitchell and Simeon Edwards, offer the following report:

WHEREAS, This Association learns with the profoundest regret that Eld. W. M. Mitchell, the former Moderator of this Association, is now confined to his bed, with but little hope of his final recovery, and for the efficient services he so long and zealously rendered this Association, and for the high esteem in which he is held by this body;

We do hereby tender him and his beloved companion our sympathies, and pray to Almighty God that he may soon be restored to his usual health, and that his clarion voice may again be heard in proclaiming the

gospel he has so long preached, and that he may, with his mighty pen, still be permitted to send messages of love all over ihis broad land, to the comfort and instruction of God's dear children.

H. D. Pearson,
J. B. F. Lindsey, } Committee.
W. R. Avery,

Report adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes.

TRIBUTE TO ELD. SIMEON EDWARDS.

For the tender regard and high esteem in which we hold our aged brother, Eld. Simeon Edwards, who is now deprived by reason of age and infirmity, of the privilege of meeting with his brethren at the house of worship, we would call the special attention of the brotherhood to the valuable service he has rendered churches of this Association. And that he is now deprived the pleasure of meeting with us, we pray that you visit him, minister to his comfort; for it is written that "They that fear the Lord spoke often one to another." We feel it to be a great wrong to neglect our aged and worn-out ministers, whose lives have been devoted to the service of our Master. By visiting him and ministering to his necessities, we thereby prove that we honor and love the cause that he so long advocated among us. Brethren, remember that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

All of which we submit,

H. D. Pearson,
J. B. F. Lindsey, } Committee.
W. R. Avery,

Report read and adopted, and ordered spread upon the minutes, and that a copy be sent Eld. Edwards.

The stand was occupied during the meeting by the following ministers in the order of their names:

Friday a. m.—J. T. Satterwhite, of the Beulah Association, followed by D. M. Jenkins, of the Beulah Association.

Friday p. m.—A. B. Whatley, of the Primitive Western Association, followed by C. D. Nixon, of the New Hope Association.

Saturday a. m.—S. F. Phillips, of the Upatoie Association, followed by H. S. Burson, of the New Hope Association.

Saturday p. m.—B. H. Pearson, of the Olive Association, followed by W. P. Merrell, of the New Hope Association.

Sunday a. m.—H. J. Redd, of the Olive Association, followed by Rees Prather, of the Primitive Western Association.

Sunday p. m.—J. W. H. Cliett, of the Beulah Association, followed by W. R. Avery, of the Beulah Association.

In the house Sunday a. m.—S. F. Phillips.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	TIME OF ANNUAL MEETINGS.
Antioch	Randolph	A. S. Sellors	V. W. Gay	Alman, Ala.	1st Sun. Aug. *
Darian	Tallapoosa	D. M. Jenkins	W. J. Smith	Daviston, "	4th " July
Rocky Mount	"	N. M. Cook	B. F. Yates	Daviston, "	2d " Aug.
Emmaus	Chambers	D. M. Jenkins	J. E. Morris	Aycock, "	3d " July
Mt. Olive	"	J. W. H. Cliett	W. A Goggins	Mill Town, "	2d " Aug.
*Macedonia	"	J. T. Satterwhite	G. W. Gammill	LaFayette, "	2d " Aug.
Mt. Hickory	"	J. T. Satterwhite	H. D. Pearson	Double Head "	3d " July
Concord	Randolph	D. M. Jenkins	W. A. Welch	Truett, "	4th " July
Mt. Carmel	"	J. W. H. Cliett	T. J. East	Roanoke, "	3d " Aug.
Zion's Rest	"	W. R. Avery	W. H. Taylor	Roanoke, "	4th " July
Mt. Pisgah	Chambers	J. T. Satterwhite	G. F. Whatley	Stroud, "	1st " Aug.
*Mt. Zion	"	J. W. H. Cliett	S. B. Johnson	Happy Land, "	1st " Aug.
Sharon	"	W. R. Avery	J. F. Swint	Stroud, "	3d " Aug.
Salem	Randolph	W. R. Avery	J. A. C. Hearn	Rock Mills, "	2d " Aug.
Valley Grove	Heard, Ga.	H. S. Burson	O. C. Britton	Franklin, Ga.	
Pleasant Grove	" "	W. J. Shepherd	H. L. Adamson	Glenn, "	1st Sun. Aug.
Ephesus	Chambers	W. J. Shepherd	J. M. McGuinty	River View, Ala	
Wehadka	Randolph	W. J. Shepherd	W. R. Sharman	Rock Mills, "	4th Sun. Aug.
County Line	Heard, Ga.		J. F. Edwards	Owensbyv'le, Ga	1st " Aug.
Beulah	Troup	Rees Prather	L. T. Britton	Antioch, "	2d " Aug.

*The above meetings commence Friday before.

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